

SOLDIERS' HOMES.

Among the public institutions of this country at the present time, not the least important are the soldiers' homes. Millions of dollars have been expended in purchasing and beautifying grounds, and in the erection and furnishing of magnificent buildings to serve as homes for the old veterans who are disqualified by wounds, by disease, or by the infirmities of age for labor whereby to provide for themselves and families in their declining years. In the rules and regulations of these institutions are to be seen some of the evidences of republican statesmanship and gratitude to the defenders of the nation.

For the soldier who has no family, the home is perhaps all that could be desired. It could hardly be otherwise, except by mismanagement, which is a fault common to most public institutions. Among them all, probably the soldiers' home is as free from evils arising from this cause as any institution in the country. It is not to criticize in this respect that we write at this time. There is a defect, however, in the laws governing these homes that is a disgrace to the American people. The old soldier who is no longer able to provide or care for himself may be admitted to the home where the comforts of life are supplied, but what of his wife? She who suffered the horrors of anxiety and suspense, and who nevertheless nerved and inspired him with fortitude and courage while in the field, and who has walked by his side all along the subsequent journey of life—the devil may take her now. In order to become an occupant of the home, the soldier must abandon her, and she must shift for herself.

A visitor to one of these institutions, in conversation with one of the inmates who was so crippled by wounds and by age as to be incompetent to care for himself, spoke of the comforts with which he was provided as a source of gratitude. The answer was: "Were you a soldier, how would you like to be separated from your wife, and simply be waiting here to die?"

This rule relative to admission to the home is another of the evidences of republican regard for the old soldier. They love him; oh, how they love him—for his vote.

JUDICIAL ANARCHY.

In another column will be found an article by Mr. G. C. Clemens upon the subject of the late charge to the grand jury of the supreme court of Pennsylvania in which it is held that the members of the Amalgamated association who resisted the invasion of their homes by Pinkerton thugs were guilty of treason. There is matter in that ruling of the court that should command the most careful and unprejudiced consideration.

The Pinkerton army consists of about 35,000 men, regularly enrolled as a private military force. There is no law upon our national statute books, or upon the statute books of any state in the Union, authorizing its existence. It is a lawless band of mercenaries subject to hire of million-

aire corporations, to murder troublesome employees who conceive the idea that they are entitled to the common rights of American freemen. Mr. Clemens clearly points out the fact that during the recent labor troubles the courts were all open and unobstructed, and yet that no attempt was made to maintain the peace or to arrest offenders by the civil authorities; but, in time of peace, this private army was employed, not to enforce the orders of any court, but to overawe and subdue by an unauthorized military force men who had offered no violence, who had themselves protected the property of their employers, and who were simply demanding justice to themselves and their families. Resistance to this band of assassins is held to be treason by the supreme court of Pennsylvania.

We cannot add to the force of Mr. Clemens' article by any comments of our own. We desire simply to call attention to it and ask every voter, and especially every laboring man, to give it a careful reading.

LOOK OUT FOR FAKES.

As election day approaches the services of the republican fake editor become more valuable in accordance with the great law of supply and demand. Although the supply is by no means limited, the demand is very great, and the few days that now intervene before election will witness great activity in the market. However great the demand, there is little danger of any one selling short, and no failures in business may be anticipated except as a result of the retirement of some of the speculators after November 8.

It is important for voters to be on their guard now for these fakes, in order that they be not deceived by them. The purported interview with Mrs. Lease which has filled the columns of the republican press, and filled other columns with editorial comment upon it, is a case in point. All the insulting allusions to Mrs. Lease that have been of daily occurrence since the beginning of this movement suddenly disappear from the republican editorial paragrapher's column, and she has become all at once a most wonderful woman. It is highly necessary that this should be so in order to give force to the fake interview.

Other fakes will follow this, and must be looked for by the people. Will the intelligent voters of Kansas be fooled by them? Well, hardly. Not this year. Don't let anybody take the trouble to write letters asking if there is any truth in them. Assume them to be false on general principles. Anything that has any truth in it that could injure the People's cause would be brought out earlier in the season in order that it might have more time to work injury.

The religious administration campaign committee in Colorado, which is working altogether for the election of Harrison, because the state ticket cuts no figure with them, has adopted the plan pursued by Buchan at Kansas

City, and Hallowell at Wichita, only on a much larger scale. They are assessing the gambling houses \$500 each for the Harrison campaign fund, and collecting it, too. The *News* has exposed them and brought forth the indisputable evidence. But what does such a gang care for exposure?

THIS IS SARCAASM.

The Kansas bankers are meeting in Topeka to-day. These are the men who have to bear the brunt of the onslaught by the Populists, and yet they are the men who have in the past so managed the monetary affairs of Kansas that to-day she is the foremost western state. They have always stood up for Kansas, and they always will.—*State Journal*.

This is fine-spun sarcasm. The bankers have always stood up for Kansas, and you might add, for the United States, just as the Jew always stood up for Venice. When civil war burst upon the country with all its dreadful calamities, there was the patriotic banker, ready to loan Uncle Sam his cash provided he could get as security gold-bearing bonds, while the soldier took his \$13 a month in depreciated paper. When grasshoppers and drought visited Kansas, spreading desolation far and wide, the banker was there furnishing money to keep starvation from the door, at 18 per cent. per annum. But there are some good bankers—some exceptions to the rule, although the good ones don't seem to prosper as well as the other kind. There were a few who went into the army or helped to care for the widows and orphans at home instead of scheming to rob the government, and there were those who have assisted the unfortunate in Kansas. If we could only regulate the system so that honesty in the business world would not be discouraged, the banking fraternity would be one of the best in the world.

HOW THEY ARE GOING BACK.

The *Lawrence World* of the 16th published a communication from Hugh Cameron, who, the *World* says, has heretofore been an ardent People's party man, but who now renounces the faith and returns to the republican party. We happen to know Hugh Cameron. He is a long-haired crank. He has never been a People's party man since the organization of the party. He always pretends to be one in the early part of every campaign, and always gets back to vote the republican ticket on election day. He has a conceit that his periodic returns to the republican party in the midst of a campaign will create a sensation. It might create a sensation of shame in himself if he were susceptible of such an experience, but it would never be felt elsewhere. Mr. Cameron is undoubtedly one of the men with whom the republican leaders have agreed to return to the party just before election, and "arranged for interviews with republican papers" to make it known, in accordance with the program published in the *ADVOCATE* last week.

SINCE Fire Alarm Foraker shot athwart the Kansas sky and disappeared in the dim distance toward the Orient, those who heard him are

congratulating themselves that Kansas, with her Ingallses, Perkinses, Humphreys, Smiths and Burtons, is not the only state that has reason to be ashamed of the men who have represented her at home and in Washington for the quarter century prior to 1891. Ohio has her frauds and disgraces, too, and one of the greatest of these is ex-Governor Foraker. A communication in this issue is good evidence that this demagogue knew he was lying when he talked about the prosperity of his state.

AN HONEST BALLOT AND A FAIR COUNT.

If there is one thing in which the republican party manifests more unadulterated gall than another, it is in their denunciation of fraud in elections, especially in the south, and the plea they enter to be continued in power in order that the people of the country may be assured of an honest ballot and a fair count. In the name of conscience, if the people are not now assured of these things, whose fault is it? If the republican party, after thirty years of power, has failed to do anything to secure an honest ballot and a fair count, is it not about time for it to stand aside, and let somebody else try for a short time? How long are the people to wait for this boon, and how long are they to be fed upon promises?

ANOTHER REPORT OF A COMMISSIONER OF LABOR STATISTICS.

Our republican friends have taken great delight in quoting from the report of a certain democratic commissioner of labor statistics recently. In another column will be found an article under the title of "You Can't 4 Acre Us," in which the report of a certain republican commissioner of labor statistics is freely quoted. This report is not as recent as Commissioner Peck's, but inasmuch as it has not heretofore been brought to the attention of the people, we recommend republican editors to make liberal use of these quotations. They are not copyrighted, and there is no penalty attached to their reproduction.

OLD STRAW.

"His arguments on the tariff question were of unusual force."

The above appears in the *Wichita Eagle's* report of Senator Perkins' speech. There is no longer any force whatever to a protection argument in this state. Kansas is a free trade state to-day if a campaign were conducted upon that single issue, and yet this stand-up crowd is still threshing over that old protection straw and hoping to win by it. There is no wonder they can get no crowds at their meetings.

KANSAS asked the advice of no other state when she took the initiatory step for independent political action. She did not wait to inquire whether any other state would follow her lead. She took this step because it was right, and she will not now turn backward through any external influence or at the behest of the local minions of plutocracy now prosecuting the boodle campaign against her citizens.